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SUBJECT: IRANIAN REQUIREMENT FOR WOOD CROSSTIES

REF: A. MONROVIA 7148; B. TEHRAN 10596 (NOTAL);

C. MONROVIA 6097 (NOTAL)

1. REF A WAS REPEATED TO SECSTATE AND USDOC PER TEHRAN REQUEST (REF B).

2. IN FURTHER AMPLIFICATION EMBASSY MONROVIA INTEREST IN SECURING EMBASSY TEHRAN ASSISTANCE IN CROSSTIEPROPOSAL (REF A), WE WOULD LIKE TO NOTE THAT WE SUBMITTED PRIVATE TRADE OPPORTUNITY 765/01/P0005 (REF C) FOR MR. JAOUDI ON OCTOBER 24. TO WAS FOR SAWMILL VALUED AT DOLS. 250,000 TO WAS SUBMITTED PRIOR TO CONSIDERATION IRANIAN REQUIREMENT FOR CROSSTIES, BASED ON OTHER LUMBER BUSINESS.

3. JAOUDI FIRST DISCUSSED IRANIAN CROSSTIE PROPOSAL WITH COMMERCIAL ATTACHE ABOUT ONE MONTH AGO, INDICATING THAT IF HE OBTAINED GOL SUPPORT AND IRAN ACCEPTED PROPOSAL TO PROCURE CROSSTIES IN LIBERIA, HE WOULD BE IN MARKET FOR AT LEAST FIVE (5) ADDITIONAL SAWMILLS. WITH POSSIBLE MARKET FOR U.S. EQUIPMENT IN MIND, AND CONSIDERING THAT EMBASSY HAS RECEIVED REQUESTS CONCERNING THE AVAILABILITY OF LIBERIAN CROSSTIES FROM U.S. BUYERS INDICATING TIES IN SHORT SUPPLY IN U.S., COMMERCIAL ATTACHE ENCOURAGED JAOUDI PROCEED WITH PROPOSAL.

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NOW THAT JAOUDI HAS GOL SUPPORT FOR PROJECT, EMBASSY

REITERATES INTEREST IN ASSISTING FOR REASONS GIVEN ABOVE AND
IN PARA 4, REF A. SINCE JAOUDI INDICATES TIMING ON THIS
EXTREMELY TIGHT, WOULD APPRECIATE RESPONSE AND COMMENTS ASAP.

4. FYI: JAOUDI HAS BEEN VERY CLOSE TO EMBASSY IN PAST. A
PROMINENT AMCIT BUSINESSMAN IN MONROVIA, HE HAS CLOSE TIES
WITH ECONOMICALLY IMPORTANT LEBANESE BUSINESS COMMUNITY AND
FRIENDS IN HIGH POSITIONS IN GOL. AS SUCH, HE IS WILLING
AND VALUED SOURCE OF INFORMATION FOR EMBASSY. HIS COMPANY
(J.D. ABI-JAOUDI TRADING CORPL, WTDR 3/74) IS ALSO MAJOR
IMPORTER OF U.S. GOODS TO LIBERIA. ASIDE FROM MERITS OF
PROPOSAL ITSELF, EMBASSY FEELS ASSISTANCE TO JAOUDI AT THIS TIME
APPROPRIATE AND WILL PAY FUTURE DIVIDENDS.
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